

CAPSULE SUMMARY

BA-583

Lee House

Sparks, Baltimore County

Circa 1860

Private

The Lee House is located near the historic village of Bacon Hall and is in the Fifth District of Baltimore County. The Fifth District has very few towns and its population is sparse compared to other neighboring districts. It covers over 47 square miles and is bounded on the west by Carroll County, on the north by the Sixth District, on the east by the Seventh and Eighth Districts, and on the south by the Eighth and Fourth Districts. In 1881, it had a population of 2,241. During the late 19th century, this area was considered a highly industrial section of Baltimore County, due to its numerous saw-mills, paper-mills, and flour-mills. Not evident on the 1877 map, this property does appear on the 1915 Atlas, however, it is not noted with any owner.

Facing west away from the road, this vacant dwelling is sited in a rural landscape on a level grassy lot surrounded by mature and immature trees and shrubs. This L-shaped Second Empire-style dwelling, is wood frame reclad with composition shingles and sits on a solid random rubble foundation. It stands two-and-a-half stories in height and five bays wide. Covering the center three bays is a one-story flat roof porch supported with Tuscan wood posts and square balusters. Originally, there were eight window openings on the façade featuring 6/6 double-hung wood sash windows. Currently, four of the windows are boarded over. The attic story is illuminated with three gable dormers each containing one 6/6 double-hung wood sash windows and sunburst ornamentation in the pediment. The central entry contains a single-leaf wood paneled door, as well as the center bay on the second story. Two interior-end parged brick chimneys and one interior-end brick chimneys rise above the mansard roof. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles and features overhanging eaves and cornice returns. Located on the side elevation is a two-story wood frame addition. Associated with this property is one wood frame house constructed circa 1880.

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-583

1. Name of Property

(indicate preferred name)

historic Lee House

other

2. Location

street and number 1140 Cold Bottom Road

not for publication

city, town Sparks

vicinity

county Baltimore County

3. Owner of Property

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Buffalo Run II, LLC

street and number 1975 McKendree Road

telephone Not Available

city, town West Friendship

state MD

zip code 21794-9747

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse

liber 14647 folio 459

city, town Towson

tax map 27

tax parcel 344

tax ID number 2300010048

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count		
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	2	buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion		sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social		structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	2	Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
				Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	
				1	

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Facing west away from the road, this vacant dwelling is sited in a rural landscape on a level grassy lot surrounded by mature and immature trees and shrubs. A paved driveway leads to the house. This L-shaped Second Empire-style dwelling, is wood frame reclad with composition shingles and sits on a solid random rubble foundation. It stands two-and-a-half stories in height and five bays wide. Covering the center three bays is a one-story flat roof porch supported with Tuscan wood posts and square balusters. Originally, there were eight window openings on the façade featuring 6/6 double-hung wood sash windows. Currently, four of the windows are boarded over. The attic story is illuminated with three gable dormers each containing one 6/6 double-hung wood sash windows and sunburst ornamentation in the pediment. The central entry contains a single-leaf wood paneled door, as well as the center bay on the second story. Two interior-end parged brick chimneys and one interior-end brick chimneys rise above the mansard roof. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles and features overhanging eaves and cornice returns. Located on the side elevation is a two-story wood frame addition.

Associated with this property is one wood frame house constructed circa 1880. It stands two stories high and three bays wide resting on a solid random rubble stone foundation. It is clad with board-and-batten siding and was illuminated with five double-hung windows, which are missing. The center entry contains a single-leaf cross-braced wood door. It is capped with a side-gable roof, which is clad with corrugated sheet metal. Two interior-end brick chimneys rise above the roof. The house features pedimented lintels, a two-light transom over the door, overhanging eaves, and a one-story side-gable roof addition.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates 1860 ca.

Architect/Builder Unknown

Construction dates 1860 ca.

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 165.59 Acre

Acreage of historical setting Unknown

Quadrangle name Hereford, MD

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

This house constructed circa 1860, is located at 1140 Cold Bottom Road in Sparks in the Fifth District of Baltimore County. It has been historically associated with tax map 27, parcel 344 since its construction.

11. Form Prepared by

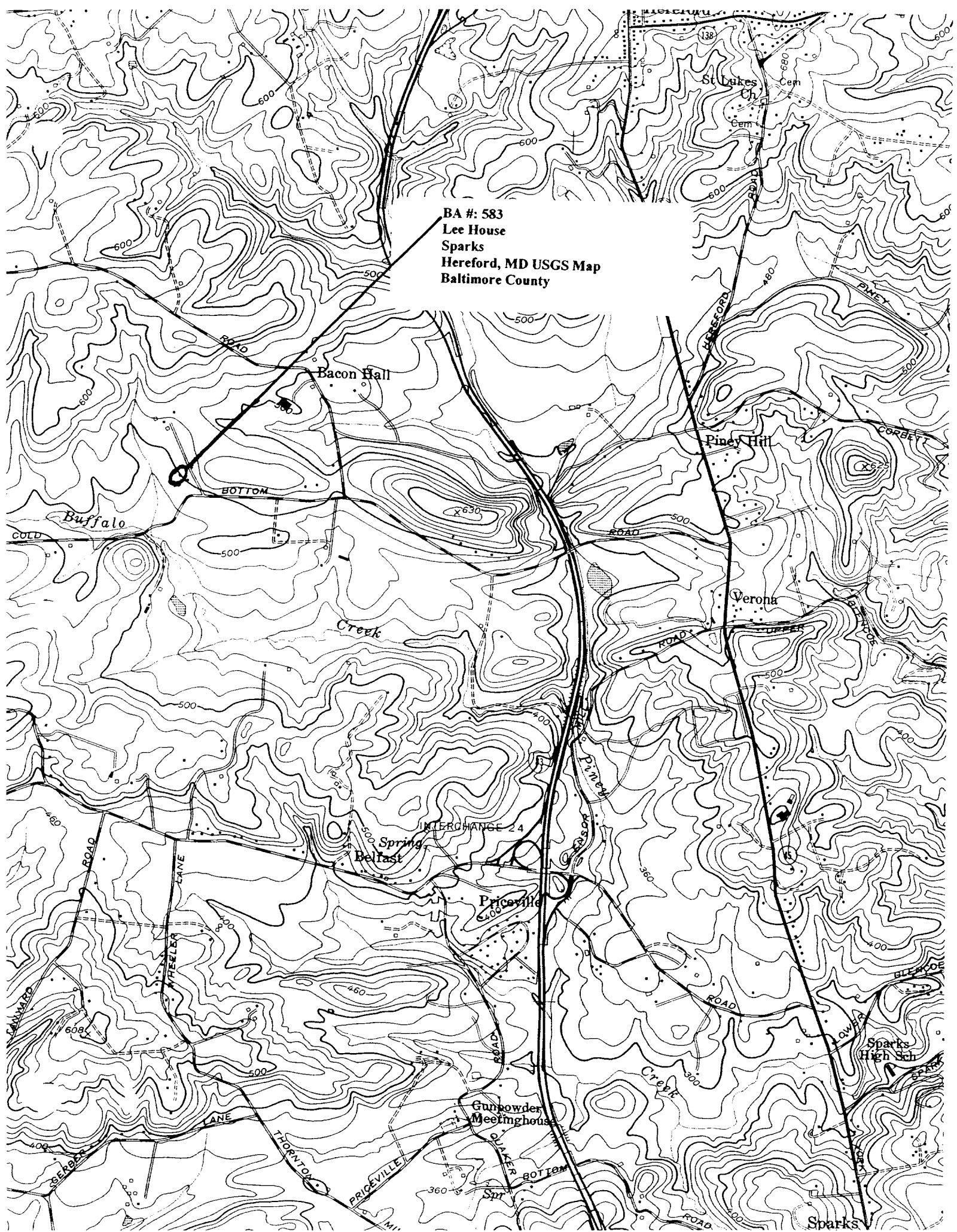
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Lee House
Sparks
Hereford, MD USGS Map
Baltimore County





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MAIN HOUSE, WEST ELEVATION

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